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# 1ST CROSSES THE RHINE

## We Set Up Solid Bridgehead

PARIS, March 8 (UP).—American troops of the First Army have crossed the Rhine in strength and are fighting toward the heart of inner Germany from a solid bridgehead on the east bank south of Cologne, Allied Supreme Headquarters announced tonight. Fragmentary reports permitted to seep through a security blackout indicated that infantrymen and perhaps tanks were pouring across the Rhine and that the Germans, while they were bombarding the bridgehead heavily had not yet had time to recover and organize for an attack.

(Columbia Broadcasting correspondent Bill Downs reported that the American forces had captured a village on the east side of the Rhine and held a bridgehead, firm and solid, in low, rolling wooded hills.)

The crossing was made at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday in a historic thrust which it was evident caught the Germans by surprise. It was not learned immediately whether the crossing was made by bridge or in amphibious vehicles.

Not since Napoleon took his Grand Army across the Rhine in 1805, had an invading army crossed the Rhine eastward.

### COMPANY CROSSES

A dispatch by C. R. Cunningham, United Press war correspondent with the forces across the river indicated that a single company of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges' First United States Army had slashed up to the Rhine, found a bridge intact and made the decision to go across.

The crossing, it was indicated, was made at Remagen, below Cologne, at a point approximately 290 miles west-southwest of Berlin.

At Remagen there is the five-span, 917-foot Ludendorff Bridge.

### EISENHOWER REJOICES

In a jubilant message tonight to Hodges and his First Army men, Eisenhower said:

"The whole Allied force is delighted to cheer the First United States Army, whose speed and boldness have won the race to establish the first bridgehead over the Rhine. Please tell all ranks how proud I am of them."

"Eisenhower, Supreme Commander."

Correspondents at Allied Supreme Headquarters were permitted to report that "Hodges' forward elements  
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### Heart of Cologne:

In the very shadow of the great Cologne Cathedral an American soldier (indicated by arrow) jumps from his tank which has been hit by the Nazis. One of his buddies from the tank to the left runs to his aid while another goes for help.

### Red Army Drive Now Only 12 Miles from Port of Danzig

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# Vandenbergs Hits Again at Yalta Via London Poles

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich) again made a left-handed attack on the Yalta agreement on Poland in a Senate speech today. "It is my earnest desire," said the Michigan Senator, "that all of these decisions made under the pressure of war shall be temporary in fact, as well as in the name; that they shall pass in full review at the final peace table."

Vandenbergs, who is a delegate to the San Francisco conference, opened his speech by reading a United Press dispatch from London headed "Eden warns Lublin Poles" and stated his "complete approval" of the British Foreign Secretary's remarks. Then taking a more actively critical line, Vandenberg referred



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to the Yalta plans for an Anglo-Soviet-American committee to work on plans for a new Polish provisional government, as a "curious process."

Vandenbergs went on to laud Gen. Anders, the Polish government-in-exile's field commander, and Gen. Bor, who touched off the fatal Warsaw insurrection, as homeless Polish patriots. He said one acid test of the new Polish government was how it would treat men of this sort.

Vandenbergs demand for review of all political decisions is in line with his Senate speech of some weeks ago suggesting that the United States make its support of international cooperation conditional on concessions from the Soviet Union.

## Bretton Woods Part of World Security: Acheson

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Hostile Republicans, and a Democrat who used to work with the America First Committee, were at a loss to know how to answer Dean Acheson, Assistant Secretary of State, when he told the House Banking and Currency Committee that peace and prosperity, or disaster and war, were involved in the Bretton Woods issue.

If the Bretton Woods plan for world financial cooperation is not accepted, said Mr. Acheson, there will be cut-throat competition between nations.

"Each country will try to manipulate its currency to export its misery to the others," he said.

"Each will seek to gain an advantage at the expense of the others. But the advantages will not be permanent. Other countries will use the same methods, and hostilities will follow."

"The other choice is one of economic collective security," he declared. "I mean a sort of economic disarmament."

### SECURITY INDIVISIBLE

"Collective security is indivisible," said Mr. Acheson. "It cannot be confined to the military field. It must be used in economic affairs as well."

Miss Jessie Summers (R-Ill), the Chicago Tribune's plump blonde political darling, shifted uncomfortably in her seat around the U-shaped committee table at this.

Miss Summers led off the questioning so vaguely that she didn't attempt to explain when the witness asked her what she meant.

Dr. Frederick C. Smith (R-O) said the cooperative plan was too "totalitarian" for him. It was against "private enterprise," he said.

Acheson replied that Bretton Woods was safeguarding private enterprise from disaster. The international bank will work with pri-

### Murray Asks Action On Bretton Woods

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 8.—CIO President Philip Murray asked quick ratification of the Bretton Woods agreement in a letter today to Rep. Brent Spence (D-Ky) chairman of the House Banking and Currency Committee.

"The opportunity is here," said Murray's letter, "to demonstrate to the world that the United States is ready and willing to play its full part in securing the world stability and prosperity we must have to avert another crisis and a third World War."

vate banks, he pointed out, and protect them.

Howard B. Buffett (R-Neb) wondered whether we could trust other nations.

Acheson answered that "other people are honorable too. We have no premium on virtue."

William B. Barry (D-NY), the man from Queens who used to speak with America Firsters, was fearful the fund wouldn't last.

But Bretton Woods has friends at the committee hearings. Friends like George E. Outland (D-Calif), who said he was urging "rationing question time," in the interest of a speedy agreement "at the risk of being called totalitarian."

But there just isn't enough speed. Jesse P. Wolcott, ranking Republican, said today the measure would not be acted on before the San Francisco meeting April 25.

## Effective Flood Control Slowed By GOP Obstruction in Congress

By LOUIS F. BUDENZ

As the raging Ohio fills the streets of cities, and uproots families from their homes, many people are raising the same question which was addressed to the Daily Worker by one of its readers on Jan. 27, 1937. That query ran: "Can such destructive floods as the present be prevented, and if so why aren't they?"

The reply, of course, was: "Yes, they can be prevented. The engineering problems, particularly for the Mississippi and its tributaries, especially the Ohio and Missouri rivers, have been solved long ago."

The same waters which are now hammering at the Portsmouth wall and endangering cities lower down the Ohio and Mississippi River, produced the Pittsburgh flood of 1936. The damage then was estimated at \$250,000,000, a figure which gives no true picture of the devastation. The effects on the health and morale of thousands of working class families can scarcely be reckoned in dollar totals. To this is now added the serious difficulties which arise from the shutting down of war plants.

The well-known engineering factors by which floods can be controlled, and to which the 1937 Daily Worker referred, have produced (for one thing) the tremendous development under the direction of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Not only did the TVA assist in chaining the riverways, but it brought cheap electric power to hundreds of cities and cheap power and irrigation to countless farms.

### SOIL CONSERVATION

Flood control also lies in the widespread development of soil conservation. Erosion of the soil and wide destruction of forests in the hills add to the accumulated force of the waters at the time of thaw.

Along with reforestation and conservation of the soil can go the location of proper dams. These impound the water near its source and make artificial lakes, so that the general flow is slowed.

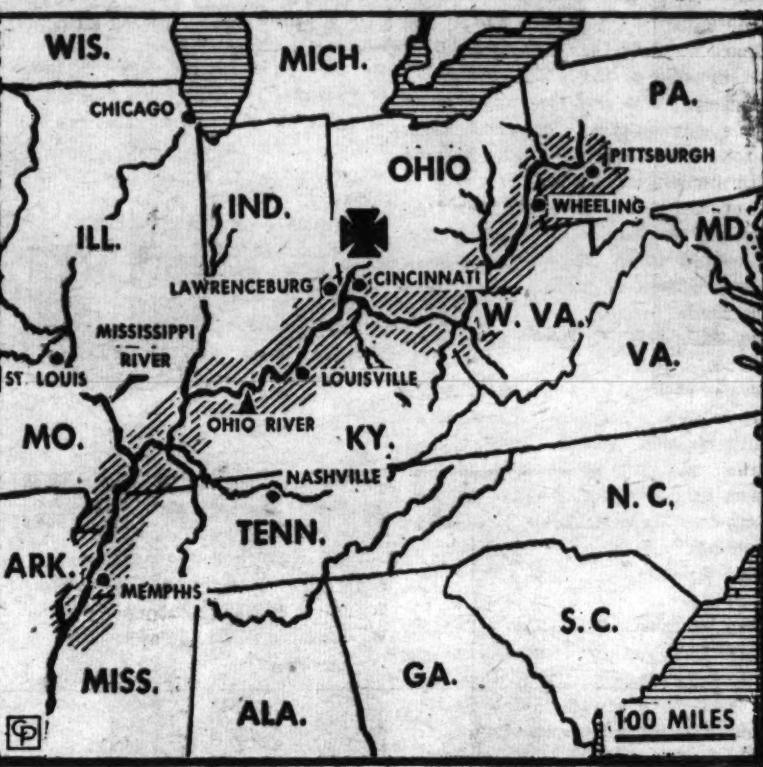
The knowledge of these possibilities led the Roosevelt administration to take the initiative in getting national flood control legislation which provided for the expenditure of \$930,400,000. This sum was to be used for the construction of nearly 500 reservoirs and local protecting projects widely distributed throughout the United States. These proposals were in addition to the large project authorized separately for the valley of the Mississippi River.

By the end of 1943-44 reservoirs and local protection projects were placed in operation. Thereafter, under pressure of the war, the work on these projects slowed down so that only a half a dozen or so have been since completed.

It will be noted that these reservoirs and projects fit in with the Missouri Valley Authority proposed by President Roosevelt to Congress in 1944 and with the other like developments which the President recommended at that time.

The work on all of these flood-prevention projects—including the development of new TVAs in many parts of the country—would be much farther on its way were it not for the constant opposition set up against such proposals by the Republican Party leadership in Congress.

The National Resources Planning Board, for instance, has been held up to all sorts of ridicule and scorn by Republican Party spokesman, although its proposals on flood control (as an other matters) would be of immense value to the whole nation. As late as its report to the 76th



While flood waters were leveling off above Cincinnati yesterday the Ohio River threatened new disaster to farmlands and cities in Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois. Thousands of volunteers are fighting along a thousand-mile front to keep the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers in their channels.

Congress in 1943, the Board had disasters as floods. The waters now listed the many large water power developments that could contribute to an expanding economy and could at the same time help prevent such TVAs and auxiliary legislation.

## Ohio Flood Recedes From Cincinnati, Threatens Kentucky

By United Press

The muddy crest of the Ohio River rolled downstream today, carrying the threat of new flood damage to farmlands and cities in Kentucky, Indiana, and Illinois.

Weather bureau officials said the flood waters were leveling off above Cincinnati, Portsmouth, Ohio, appeared to be winning a battle to keep the river from pouring over flood walls into the main business and residential sections. The river's crest subsided 1.2 feet in 24 hours at Cincinnati.

Along the Kentucky stretch of the river, volunteers, state militia, auxiliary police, Boy Scouts, prison

inmates and even German prisoners of war were working against time and the river. They evacuated families, moved household goods and livestock, and built sandbag barricades. The evacuation was under way in the low sections of all towns from Catlettsburg to Owensboro.

All but about half a block of Catlettsburg was under water.

Everywhere along the thousand-mile course of the river there was some destruction. War plants were forced to close in some sections. Thousands of persons abandoned their homes to the surging waters. Train and bus service was cut off to some communities.

Nine persons were dead.

## Valentine Will Grab Speakeasy Patrons

Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine ordered police yesterday to arrest all patrons found in speakeasies and to hold them on charges of disorderly conduct.

Valentine also told police that patrons of all night restaurants were not permitted to bring their own liquor and drink it on the premises.

The Commissioner spoke at a closed meeting of the Police Captains' Endowment Association at the Hotel Commodore.

## Guadalcanal Hero Dies on Iwo

WITH FIFTH MARINE DIVISION, Iwo Jima, Feb. 21 (Delayed) (UP).—Marine Gunner Sgt. John Basilone, who won the Congressional Medal of Honor for heroism on Guadalcanal, was killed early on the first day of the assault on Iwo Jima.

## Frisco Welcomes Bataan Heroes

SAN FRANCISCO, March 8 (UP).—Two hundred and seventy-five American heroes of Bataan, liberated from notorious Cabanatuan prison camp in the Philippines, came home today.

They came home to a heartfelt, roaring welcome as San Francisco joined the Army in an enthusiastic demonstration for the haggard, quiet but thoroughly happy heroes.

## Capture Aringay on Luzon Coast

MANILA, Friday, March 9 (UP).—The American 33rd Division has driven 12 miles up the coastal plain north of Rosario on the west side of Luzon to capture Aringay, Gen. Douglas MacArthur announced today.

## 450 Yards From Iwo Northeast Tip

GUAM, March 8 (UP).—Marines are only 450 yards from the northeastern tip of Iwo Island, fighting downhill at last, and are threatening to split the garrison, front dispatches said today.

The Third Marine Division, lunging forward in the center of the battle line, made the breakthrough.

## HOLDUP MAN CAUGHT IN CHURCH

A dramatic chase of three holdup men from a jewelry store through the streets of Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, and into a church service ended yesterday with the arrest of Thomas Somma, 22, who allegedly wielded a pistol against Sol Charak, store owner.

Three men entered Charak's store at 7218 Third Ave., at 10 a.m., and

seized from \$8,000 to \$10,000 worth of valuables. Charak was slugged on the head but he staggered after them when they fled.

The holdup men ran in different directions. A fourth man who was stationed outside to pick them up fled in a car. Passersby pursued the men and Somma was caught as

he ran into Christ Church at Bay Ridge Boulevard and 73d St. The second man escaped in a laundry truck. The third man who held the loot dropped it at 75th St., as a crowd closed in, and disappeared.

Charak was treated for severe lacerations of the scalp and taken to Norwegian Hospital.

# Manpower Bill Passed by Senate

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The Senate passed the Kilgore-Ferguson manpower bill late today by a 63-16 vote. Speed came at last. The vote was a landslide. Even Senator Robert A. Taft (R-O) voted aye to the surprise of the press gallery.

Letters from the front and from home, the pressure of the people scored in Senate action which came after prolonged delays.

Sen. Alben W. Barkley (D-Ky.), majority leader, told reporters the bill would go to conference as soon as arrangements can be made with the House, which had passed the May-Bailey bill for limited national service.

A penalty clause was added to the bill in late afternoon. An amendment by Sen. Joseph H. Ball (R-Minn.), accepted by a 40 to 36 vote, states that employers violating War Manpower Commission decisions, provided for in the bill, can be jailed for one year and given fines of \$10,000.

The bill gives additional authority to WMC to enforce controls on use of labor by employers and on referral of workers. It is also designed to produce increased teamwork between WMC and other war agencies.

Sen. Barkley looked blue earlier in the day when he appealed for a 20 to 30 minute limit on speeches in the interest of a speedy vote, and was blocked. But he was chuckling like a boy when the 63 to 16 vote on the main bill was announced.

Probably Barkley's best argument for action today was made by the lads overseas. When he interrupted the debate to shout that our boys had crossed the Rhine, many Senators began cheering.

Further manpower delays didn't look so good after that.

## DEFEAT OPEN SHOP CLAUSE

The Senate today quickly turned down "Pappy" W. Lee O'Daniel's (D-Tex.) amendment providing that employers could hire non-unionists regardless of contract when men were sent around by WMC.

"Pappy's" second amendment removing all ceilings on hours of labor, and barring overtime pay rates, went down quickly too. And the Texas senator ended up by voting for the Kilgore bill himself.

Almost all the Southern senators voted with the landslide majority.

Of the Southern group, only Joseph W. Bailey (D-NC), co-author

## Army Closing Down Canol Project

WASHINGTON, March 8 (UP).—The Army will shut down most of its controversial \$134,000,000 Canol project June 3, the War Department announced tonight.

# Hitler Threatens Destruction of Reich; U. S. Attack Coming, Koiso Warns Japan

LONDON, March 8 (UP).—Adolf Hitler, in a speech Feb. 24, admitted Germany had lost the war, said he would leave the entire country in ruins and accused Japan of treachery in not declaring war on the Soviet Union, underground reports reaching Stockholm from Berlin said today. There was naturally no way of confirming the report.

Commenting on the recent Big Three Crimea Conference, Hitler was quoted: "The three world pirates thought they could share the bear's skin. But when they march through Germany they will find not the bear's skin but ruins, stone heaps, rats, epidemics, hunger and death. It is our holy duty to leave no other inheritance for the Bolsheviks, Jews and plutocrats. Thereby western civilization shall decline."

His plans, he was quoted, included killing all German political prisoners and hostages. He was still considering means of dealing with war prisoners held by Germany, it was added.

Hitler was quoted that each time he nearly won the war treacherous generals sabotaged his plans. He wanted to invade Britain after Dunkirk, he was quoted, but was prevented by a reactionary high command. German officials, he was quoted, deceived him on Russia's strength.

"We do not know yet for certain who is to blame that Japan did not enter the war against Russia with us but probably it was the reactionary officer group," he was quoted.

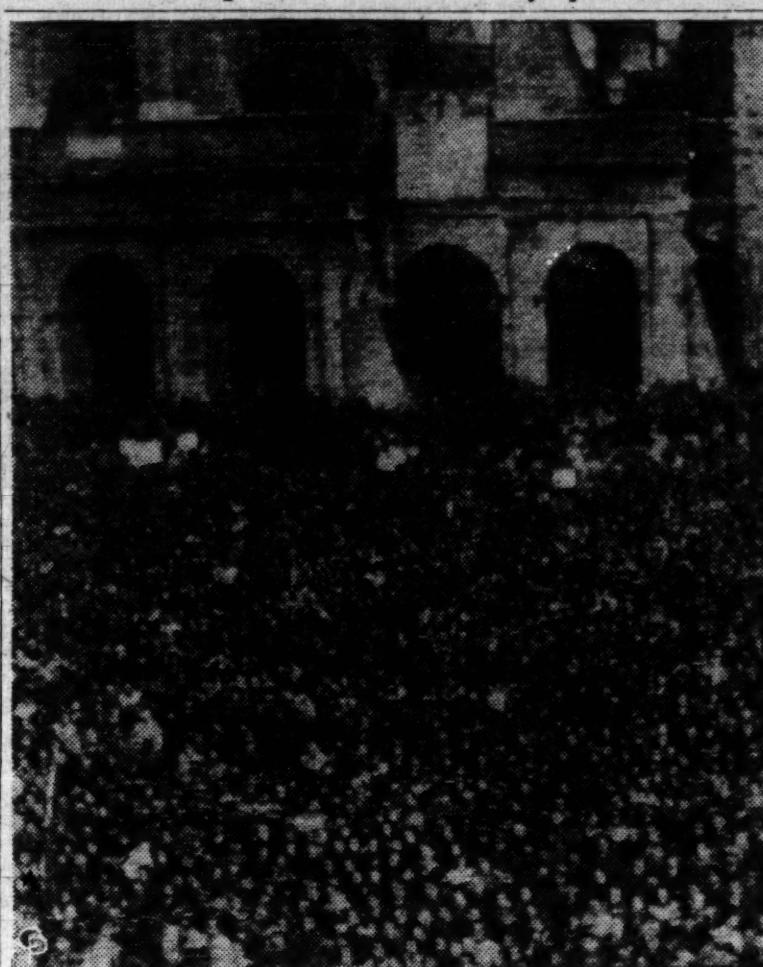
# Red Army Advances To 12 Mi. of Danzig

LONDON, March 8 (UP).—Soviet forces drove into the former Danzig Free State today and moved to within 12 miles of Danzig itself, Moscow said today, while Berlin reported that Red Army spearheads reached Seelow, 26 miles from Berlin.

Berlin's report, which told of a tremendous battle raging before the capital's approaches, was not confirmed by Moscow.

Other Red Army forces were said by Berlin to have battered into the waterfront suburb of Altdamm only four miles from the main docks of Stettin, Berlin's Baltic port 70 miles northeast of the capital.

As Berlin told the story, Marshal Gregory K. Zhukov's first White Russian Army struck west in formidable force several days ago from a previously established Oder bridgehead at Goeritz, six miles south of Kustrin.



Thousands of Rome citizens demonstrate in front of the ancient Colosseum against the conspiracy that effected the escape of Lt. Gen. Mario Roatta, one of Italy's principal war criminals.

# India Troops Pierce Mandalay Outskirts

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Burma, March 8 (UP).—Punjabi troops of the 19th Indian Division swept into the outskirts of Mandalay today and were within a mile of the center of that devastated city overrun by the Japanese in May, 1942.

## Back Sailor Facing Seduction Trial

Two veterans groups came out in support yesterday of Chief Pharmacist's Mate Frederick Brooks after the Navy had reversed its decision to send Brooks back to Italy to face a court-martial on seduction charges.

Officials of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars have called for a Congressional investigation, with Maurice Stember, state adjutant of the New York State American Legion saying: "I do not approve of sending one of our boys back to be tried in Italy."

## Report On China to FDR

WASHINGTON, March 8 (UP).—President Roosevelt returned from a weekend visit to his Hyde Park, N. Y. estate today and promptly began a heavy schedule which included conferences with military, diplomatic and Congressional officials.

The disclosure that he had been at Hyde Park marked a relaxation of wartime security restrictions on his travels. The White House said henceforth it would permit publication of the President's journeys to Hyde Park—after he has returned.

The President received the first of a series of confidential first-hand reports on the Chinese situation from Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley, U. S. ambassador to China, and Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, commander of U. S. forces in China.

## Yanks Spear Across Rhine

(Continued from Page 1) found a weak point in the German Rhine defenses and spearhead through in a surprise thrust."

Meanwhile, the great university city of Bonn, birthplace of Beethoven, was being rapidly cleared by other First Army forces which captured more than half of the town against light resistance. Other First Army troops are fighting in Bad Godesberg, three miles south of Bonn, where the late British Prime Minister Sir Neville Chamberlain once met Adolf Hitler in the days before Munich.

## U.S. Casualties 823,632

WASHINGTON, March 8 (UP).—U. S. combat casualties announced here reached 823,632 today, an increase of 10,000 over a week ago.

The total included 732,922 Army casualties through Feb. 28, as announced by Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, and 90,710 Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard casualties, as announced by the Navy.

The figures:

	Army	Navy
Killed	143,985	34,513
Wounded	438,734	41,209
Missing	91,237	10,671
Prisoners	60,666	4,317
Totals	732,922	90,710

Stimson said more than half of the Army wounded, 221,155, have returned to duty.

# Hear World Labor Delegates, Monday, Garden

# Open Fight for House Vote on Permanent FEPC

By Federated Press

WASHINGTON, March 8.—In the interest of fair play to 52 million Americans, the House Rules Committee was asked today to send the bill for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Commission out on the floor for full and open debate.

A color," and said "white Gentiles are entitled to protection."

Rep. Howard W. Smith (D-Va) joined Cox in getting expressions from Hoffman against the bill and Chairman Sabath recessed the hearing until next Tuesday or Wednesday, with Smith insisting on recalling Hoffman later.

The committee room was filled to overflowing, with proponents of the measure, including many Congressmen from both sides of the aisle.

## Ask Delay On Dwelling Bills

A public hearing on the five bills of the Joint Legislative Committee to Recodify the Multiple Dwelling Law was held yesterday, with most of the spokesmen for landlord, taxpayer, social service and tenant groups asking that the measures be held over until next year for fuller discussion.

The meeting held at the Bar Association Building, 42 W. 44 St., was chaired by Assemblyman MacNeil Mitchell. It was the third in a series of public hearings on the bills.

In his introductory remarks, Assemblyman Mitchell revealed that a subcommittee had been formed to take up the special problems involved in clearing the Stuyvesant Town site on which the Metropolitan Insurance Co. intends to build a Jimcrow city.

Catherine Masters, president of the United Tenant League, asked the subcommittee study the special problems of tenants forced to vacate the area.

Criticism was made of one bill which proposes to reconvert certain frame houses into multiple dwellings.

### News Capsules

## Planes Save Wounded

One out of every five American war casualties who returned to the United States last year came by air, the **OFFICE OF WAR INFORMATION** said last night. Air evacuation of the wounded now ranks with blood plasma and front-line surgery as one of the five greatest lifesaving measures of military medicine, OWI said. More than 2,000 war casualties are being flown daily from battle zones to hospitals behind the lines, home from overseas, and within the United States in Army and Navy planes, OWI said. More than 545,000 were evacuated by air last year, of which more than 31,000 returned to hospitals in this country. Only 28 patients died in flight last year—or five for every 100,000 patients flown.

**PVT. KARL GUSTAV HULLEN**, 23, paratrooper from Boston, was hanged yesterday in Pentonville Prison in London for the \$30 murder of a taxicab driver. A crowd of 250 men and women milled about the gates. **MRS. ELIZABETH JONES**, the 18-year-old strip tease dancer who was condemned to death with Hulsen for the murder of George Heath, began a life sentence at Aylesbury Prison. She was reprieved by Home Secretary Herbert Morrison less than 48 hours before she, too, was scheduled to hang.

The Douglass-built B-19 bomber, the largest plane in the world, is being converted into a cargo carrier—without ever seeing combat as a bomber, it was disclosed yesterday.

The veteran giant of the skyways has been serving as an air force laboratory for development of big bombers since it was sent into the air in 1940.

Officers of the air technical service command estimated that as a cargo carrier, the huge ship can carry a 45,000 pound payload. It is now equipped with four liquid-cooled engines of 2,600 horsepower each.

Ten conscientious objectors assigned to Camp Germast in Michigan, were under Federal Grand Jury indictment yesterday. Nine were accused of desertion and one with refusal to work on military garments. Those named as deserters included: Jason Hopkins, 24, Pleasantville, N. Y., and Morris Harowitz, 30, New York.

The DUMBARTON OAKS proposals were approved at the quarterly meeting of the Philadelphia Bar Association this week. About 100 lawyers attended the meeting in City Hall, and only a few "noes" were heard. Discussion centered around the voting procedure agreed on at Yalta.

# Torpedoed Seamen Attend London Parley; They'll Be at the Garden

By NAT LOW

A little more than a month ago they were torpedoed and rescued by two British escort vessels.

Three weeks ago they attended the World Trade Union Congress in London as guests of the president of their union, Joseph Curran.

Two days ago they got back to the States and Monday night they'll be at the Garden to hear reports of the London and Yalta Conferences by Sidney Hillman, R. J. Thomas and Soviet Ambassador Andrei Gromyko.

They are a group of surviving members of the crew of the S.S. John Doe (real name withheld for security reasons), headed by Chief Mate David Gibbons, Third Mate Frank Davis and Fireman Bennett Davies, a rugged little guy from Flatbush, Brooklyn, who says with a twinkle in his eye, "I'm one of Pete Cacchione's boys, put that in the story."

We met the men yesterday up-town and listened to them tell of the sinking of their freighter with its precious cargo. It was 4:45 in the morning when the First Mate sighted a sub. Before he had a chance to inform the Captain, a torpedo had crashed into the No. 4 hold.

### FOUR MINUTES

"A minute and a half later," First Mate Gibbons was saying, "the water was up to the bridge. Four minutes in all it took for the boat to sink. We got one of the lifeboats off in time, but the other filled with water and sank."



"Yes, we'll be at the Garden Monday," say surviving members of a torpedoed merchant seaman. The men, who attended the World Trade Union Congress at London as guests of Joe Curran, NMU president, are, from left to right, First Mate David Gibbons, First Assistant Charles Jones, Third Mate Frank Davis, Radio Operator Harrison Gifford, Wiper Myron Scott, Fireman Bennett Davies and Oiler Paul Jamison.

—Daily Worker Photo.

Three hours later they were picked up by an English escort vessel. "We still have fond memories of those English sailors. They were wonderful and kept searching for bodies and other members of the crew for four hours even though they were endangering themselves because they were sailing in a mine field. Yes, those English gobs are O.K.," said Fireman Davies.

The most exciting thing, however, was the visit to the Trade Union Conference in London. The boys smiled. "Joe Curran got us in and it was a thrill to see the way the whole convention applauded Sidney Hillman's speech calling for a

new world trade union organization," said Davies.

Gibbons finished a beer, puffed slowly but deeply on a cigarette and said, "That London meeting was democracy in action. There was a feeling of real solidarity at the Congress and it expressed the working people's desire to make Teheran and Yalta work. We were all impressed by it, and so were the American GIs who crowded the hall every day."

We were about to take our leave when Davies called out, "We'll see you at the Garden Monday—together with some 18,000 other people."

Righto.

## First Albany Report On Education Aid

By MAX GORDON

ALBANY, March 8.—The first of two official bodies studying the problem of state aid to education, the Rapp-Coudert legislative committee, issued its report to the Legislature today, but shed little light on this heated subject.

Chief among the committee's recommendations was a proposal that state aid be apportioned on the basis of a particular sum per pupil, instead of the complex "teacher unit" plan which operated under the Friedsam Formula. Teacher groups have been advocating something like this for some time.

The committee also proposed that the State Education Department be given greater leeway in making adjustments in applying a formula for particular areas where specific conditions warrant it. Right now, the law requires rigid adherence to formula.

The second group studying the problems, the special commission appointed by the Governor early in the session to revise the out-moded Friedsam Formula, is expected to report early next week, as soon as the Governor signs the budget bills.

The general feeling here is that the commission's recommendations are likely to be more generous than originally believed. This is due primarily to strong pressure from cities and rural areas which are feeling the pinch of a niggardly state policy toward local finances.

Most of these communities are GOP-controlled, and the bulk of them face local elections this fall. The state administration's fiscal attitude is bound to be an issue, and Gov. Dewey is distinctly interested in the outcome of these elections.

Earlier this week, the State CIO board urged that the Legislature pass no measure providing for a new formula this year, but authorize an emergency \$20,000,000 increase above the \$108,000,000 appropriation for the year. The CIO asked the commission to present its draft for a new formula for public discussion

### Cicero Town Council Greets Crimea Accord

Special to the Daily Worker

CHICAGO, March 8.—To the city council of Cicero goes the distinction of being the first city body in Illinois to greet the actions of President Roosevelt, Premier Stalin and Prime Minister Churchill at Yalta for laying the foundations for building lasting peace after the war.

The action was taken in a resolution unanimously adopted last night at a regular meeting of the board of trustees of the town of Cicero, presided over by Mayor Henry J. Sandusky.

and hearings throughout the year. The CIO asked the commission to rather than rush it through in the last week of the current session.

Democratic legislative leaders have intimated they plan to push as a separate measure their proposal to increase state aid this year by 20 percent if the Governor's commission report gives no substantial increase.

### Dry Cells for Army

Shipments of dry cells for military batteries reached an estimated high of 200,000,000 cells in January, 1945. This total still does not meet increasing military requirements.

### Lend-Lease Total

From the start of the lend-lease program in March, 1941, through December, 1944 goods and furnishes services to the Allies totaled \$35,382,000,000.

## Sailors Gypped, Chiseler Feels OPA's Teeth

Following a complaint that the 75 officers and men of the S.S. Leland Stanford had been overcharged in their cooperative purchase of a washing machine for use in cleaning uniforms and work clothes, quick action by the Office of Price Administration brought about a refund of \$54.75 in two hours before sailing time.

Investigators are now looking over the record of the Brooklyn store which charged the sailors \$89.50 for a used washing machine with a ceiling price of \$34.75 as the basis for legal action by OPA.

Lieut. Samuel H. Bond, U.S.N.R., yesterday wrote a letter to Daniel P. Wooley, regional price administrator, commanding the prompt recovery of the refund ending up with the statement:

"On behalf of the men aboard our ship, I wish to thank you for this fine demonstration of effectiveness in the home front battle."

When the S.S. Leland Stanford pulled in last Saturday the merchant mariners and Navy personnel on board had come to the conclusion that a washing machine would be of great help in daily washing problems. They commissioned Lieut. Bond to secure a machine.

A few days ago he mentioned the purchase to his father who formerly was in the appliance business. Mr. Bond told his son that he had overpaid and advised him to make a complaint.

Lieut. Bond then reported his case to the regional OPA office in the Empire State Building and in a matter of hours the overcharge was refunded.

### Easter April 1

Easter has fallen on April 1 in 1804, 1866, 1877, 1888, 1923, 1934, 1945, and will be on that date again in 1956. The holiday may come at any time between March 22 and April 25, depending upon which date is the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon.

# Now's the Time for Labor to Meet With FDR to Straighten Things Out

By GEORGE MORRIS

The shifts in the stabilization machinery, with George W. Taylor taking the chairmanship of the War Labor Board and William H. Davis the directorship of stabilization, come as the wartime labor relations picture is becoming very serious.

Strikes and threats of strikes are on the increase. Labor's confidence in the WLB has been shaken seriously. The largest union, the United Automobile Workers, is asking for a new tripartite body to handle wartime labor relations. Certain groups that have tried all along to scuttle the WLB, especially Lewis and his friends, have become more active than ever.

To what extent the shifting of posts is intended to meet these problems still remains to be seen. The removal of Fred M. Vinson as chief stabilizer does suggest that labor's attacks upon his restraints on the WLB, especially in deciding the so-called "fringe" issues, may have been taken into account. Vinson's replacement by Davis, who, along with the majority of the WLB criticized the Office of Economic Stabilization restraint policy, strengthens the belief that some liberalization may come out of the change.

On the other hand, giving the WLB chairmanship to Taylor, who has been most prominently identified with the rigidity and formal-



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ism that has brought so much criticism upon the board, raises doubt of a basic improvement.

In any event, whatever improvements a reshuffling of personalities may bring, the basic task still remains of winning both the public and government for action to bring wage policy in line with the cost of living rise.

What, then, is the meaning of the decision by the United Auto Workers boards Wednesday asking the CIO to withdraw its representatives from the WLB and calling for the creation of a new tripartite body?

In practice it would mean simply this: the four industry members are

not an issue since they are picked from employer ranks; neither are the labor members an issue, since they can be changed by labor. Only the composition of the public members is involved, and, apparently, not all are objectionable, since a CIO representative on the WLB expressed regret at Davis' departure.

## WITHDRAWAL MOVE

The suggestion to withdraw from the WLB is inspired not by those who desire to improve the WLB's composition, but by those who would bring the UAW closer to the position of Emil Rieve of the Textile Workers. (Rieve quit the WLB and scrapped the no-strike pledge.) Both president R. J. Thomas of the UAW, who on Monday had suggested that the public members resign, and secretary-treasurer George F. Addes who is equally critical of the public members, voted against the withdrawal proposal.

The sponsors of the withdrawal move Walter Reuther, and Martin Gerber, David Dubinsky's agent on the UAW board, are reviving in this way the effort to scuttle the no-strike pledge and the WLB. Some UAW board members, who have nothing in common with this position, simply allowed themselves to be maneuvered into a trap.

An indication of the real purpose behind the withdrawal move is the attacks by Gerber and Charles Kerrigan, the two eastern board members, on the New York CIO's shop steward conference last Sunday. Since when has it become "sabotage" to denounce the America Firster and defeatist John L. Lewis? If Kerrigan and Gerber had honest intention in their professed interest in the demands of coal miners they would have consulted the resolution and speeches at the conference.

The central idea that ran through them was that Lewis, in persisting in his pro-strike and anti-war sabotage policy, was jeopardizing the just demands of the coal miners. **BOTH QUESTIONS**

No one with common sense or sincere purpose wants the same WLB public members reappointed under a new name. Those who do want changes in personnel desire them only because they want an improvement in wage policy. Then why not take up both questions in a responsible way?

First, labor has often taken up knotty problems directly with the President through the Joint Labor Victory Committee that has been created for that very purpose. But that body has not met with the President for a long time. Why not have a session and come down to cases with the President how the WLB can be strengthened?

Secondly, the WLB's public members themselves suggest that a joint labor-industry-government conference ought to take place to review the whole question of wages for the post-VE-Day period. Why not take that up? And why not, at the same time take up immediate problems?

# Views Misquoted, Says City CIO

The Greater New York CIO backs the just demands of the miners but opposes John L. Lewis' strike threats as a danger to the war effort, labor and the nation as a whole, Saul Mills, City CIO secretary-treasurer, wrote the international executive board of the CIO United Auto Workers yesterday.

Mills, answering criticism made before a UAW board session by Martin Gerber and Charles Kerrigan, submitted copies of the program and resolution adopted by a CIO stewards' conference here Sunday. Gerber and Kerrigan, championing



MILLS

Lewis, had objected to CIO appeals for government seizure of mines to forestall strike action.

Citing the conference resolution, which declared that the "grievances of the mine workers, like those of the best interests of the nation."

other workers, are real, but their solution cannot be achieved by disarming our fighting forces of the weapons of victory," Mills commented:

"It is obvious that neither Mr. Kerrigan nor Mr. Gerber took the pains to become properly informed before issuing statements of denunciation. The fact is that the New York CIO Shop Stewards Conference did not oppose the wage and other economic demands of the mine workers.

"The conference expressed sympathy for the plight of the men in the mines. What the conference did was to condemn John L. Lewis for his strike threat against the nation and its war effort. That is in conformity with CIO's no-strike commitment and in conformity with the best interests of the nation."

# OPA Clothing Data Back Labor's Cost-Rise Claim

WASHINGTON, March 8. — The OPA, moving to enforce its new order bringing down clothing costs and seeking to force greater production of low-cost clothing items, has produced cost-of-living figures that prove labor's charges of hidden rises.

Disappearance of low-cost garments from the market, mark-ups in clothing generally and deterioration in quality have made this field "our most dangerous" to stabilization, according to OPA director Chester Bowles.

Defending OPA-WPB Order M-388, now being contested by manufacturers, he declared that while average items increased 1.5 percent, clothing rose 11.6 percent, even before allowance for inferior quality merchandise was made.

Clothing, Bowles said, accounts for about 13 percent of all living costs, and hence the rises cut deep into consumers' buying power, dislocating stabilization.

## LABOR CRITICISM

Bowles' figures support organized labor's criticisms of the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. BLS cost of living figures, on which the Little Steel formula is based, fail to reflect these and similar rises.

The OPA-WPB proposal in substance would (1) roll back the average price of clothing for the first half of this year to levels prevailing in the first six months of 1943 and (2) stimulate production of low-cost items by giving manufacturers of such garments priority on available fabrics and by requiring mills to reserve a high proportion of their civilian production for such purposes; (3) develop quality controls.

Although WPB and OPA jointly estimate that this program would save civilians \$500,000,000 a year on their clothing bill, opposition oddly comes not only from manufacturers but from some labor groups.

George Baldanzi, executive vice-president of the CIO Textile Workers Union, and the St. Louis cloak and dress joint board of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union both joined with manufacturers in opposing the roll-back and controls.

Baldanzi wired the House Smith Committee probing government agencies saying that 12,000 Passaic, N. J., textile workers would be "destructively affected" by the program.

The St. Louis ILG joined industry spokesmen saying the roll-back would cause a "grave situation" for labor as well as for profits of manufacturers. It is not yet known whether the St. Louis board represents the stand taken by the ILG national office.

## Anti-Fascists in Turkey Persecuted

Turkish anti-fascists are being secretly court-martialed in Ankara and Istanbul, Moscow revealed in a Tuesday broadcast, which scored Turkey for its current campaign of "repression."

Among the 150 people being tried is the popular anti-fascist woman author, Suat Dervish, "whose only crime is to have for years risen against propaganda and intrigues of Turkish reactionaries who are serving the interest of their Nazi masters," Moscow radio declared.

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## A Notable Speech

LT. COMDR. Harold E. Stassen is one of the American delegates to the San Francisco conference on a world security organization. He is a prominent Republican. He is and will continue to be an active member of our armed forces.

Stassen spoke to the nation last night from Minneapolis in all three capacities. He spoke for the millions of Republicans who, as the President pointed out, want unity with our allies after the war no less than the Democrats. He spoke for the servicemen who desire with all their hearts that their blood and sacrifice shall not have been in vain. He spoke with a deep sense of his own responsibility as a delegate to San Francisco.

Of course, Stassen did not echo the shrill partisan attacks on the President and on the Allies repeated daily by the GOP irreconcilables. He has long known better than that, has long had more stature than most of his colleagues in the GOP councils.

What is more significant, Stassen reflected none of the cautious obstructionism of a Vandenberg or a Hoover. He did not try to bargain with the Soviet Union. He attached no conditions to his support for a world security organization. He expressed none of the querulous annoyance of a Tom Dewey because he was not given a transcript of the Yalta proceedings.

On the contrary, Stassen praised the President's military leadership, commended his report to the nation on Yalta. He endorsed without weasel words the great achievements of the conferences of Moscow, Teheran and Yalta. He saw the treaties of friendship and cooperation already developed by ourselves and our allies as cornerstones of world stability.

If Stassen again discussed his now familiar theories that national sovereignty must be subordinated to a new world law, it was this time in a different light. He did not counterpose his own hopes to the plans of the Big Three. He emphasized the need for winning overwhelming approval here and abroad for the Dumbarton Oaks plan.

It is because Stassen has so important a role in doing just this job that it was unfortunate for him to have raised such bugaboos as sovereignty which throw many Republicans into fits of hysterics.

Stassen has emerged as one of the leading spokesmen for international cooperation in the GOP. It will not be asked of him that he convert the already converted to this cause. It will be expected that he lead the fight against the present-day lodges within the Republican Party. This is the challenge which confronts him. This also is his great opportunity for statesmanship.

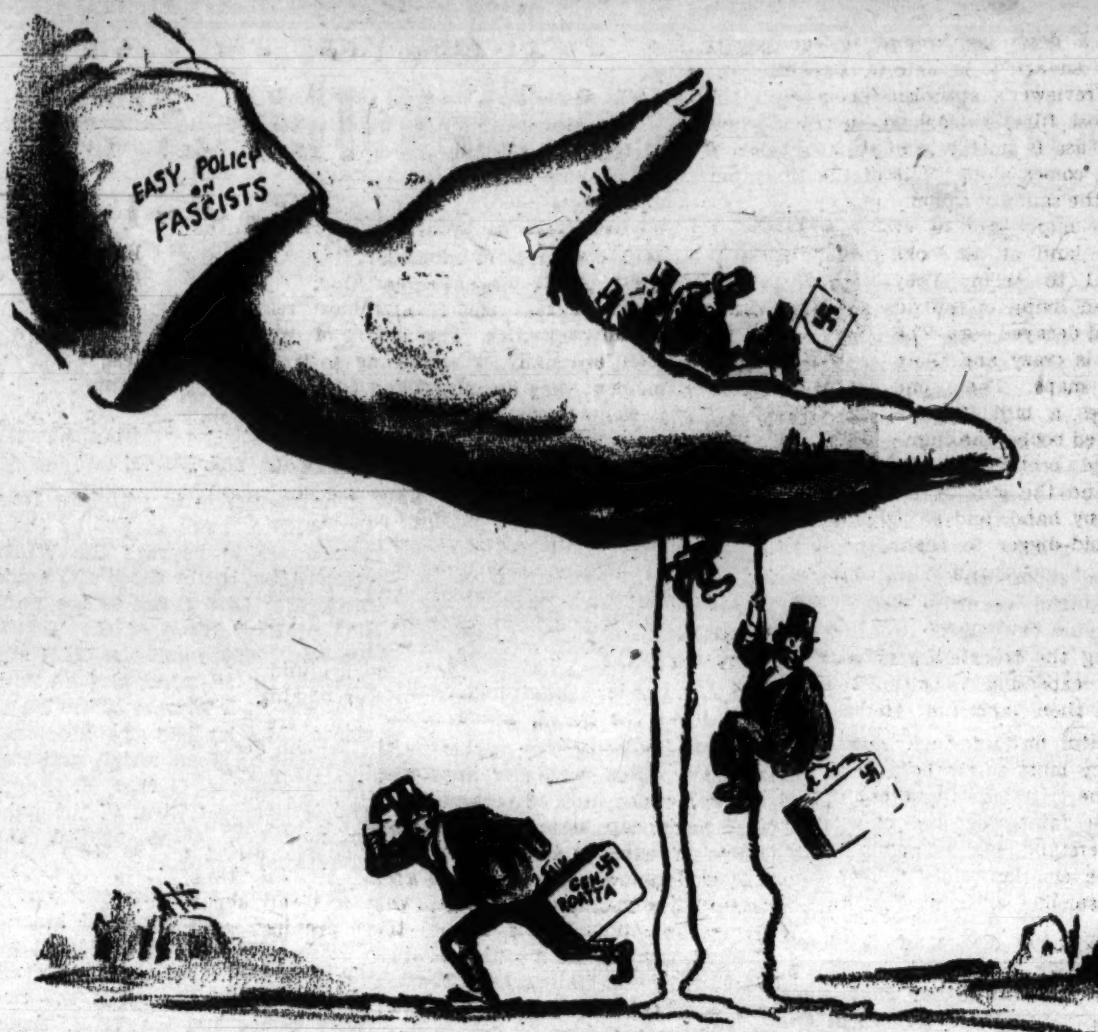
## The Communists in Italy

THE "Roatta affair" in Rome has resulted in several forward steps for Italian democracy, although the basic issue of thoroughly purging all the fascists still remains. This Gen. Roatta, as we pointed out yesterday, was a war criminal who "escaped" from a military hospital last Sunday while on trial. In the resulting protest of all the Italian democratic parties on Tuesday, the carabinieri shot into the crowd, and the government itself was faced with a crisis. As the Soviet Red Star points out—an example of how closely the Soviet public follows such matters—Roatta could not have escaped without help from "associates in the government's apparatus."

How do things stand now? A commission is appointed with real powers to go after the fascists. Mauro Scoccimaro, a Communist leader who had been sidetracked during the Sforza affair, is a member of this body. The government pledged itself to remain true to the aims of the democratic coalition; the Socialists and Actionists were invited to reenter the cabinet which they left last November. Credit for this advance, which strengthens the government without dissolving it, goes to the Italian Communists and their leader Togliatti.

Here is a case of able, far-sighted and responsible Communist leadership in a difficult and transitional situation. To overthrow Bonomi's cabinet would have been just what Italian and Allied reactionaries desire—for only they can profit from chaos. To retain democratic unity and propel it to higher, more effective levels is the essence of the Communist leadership in Italy. It is the feature of how Communists are working most everywhere in the struggling new democracy of Europe.

## TIGHTEN UP



## To Tell the Truth

## 'Cutting or Carrying'

by Robert Minor

ONE cold night in December of the year 1900, I got off a train at a water tank on the north side of Ft. Worth, Texas, to walk the rest of the way into the heart of town where you find the employment agencies, the 10-cent steak restaurants, pawnshops and places where a man can sleep.

In a saloon there was a long bar and a big stove with its pot-belly red hot, and around it a ring of bare wooden chairs with arms so you won't fall out while you sleep. There was a fine free lunch of roast beef and store cheese and butter and slabs of rye bread, and I got a big schooner of beer and then settled into a chair within the warm glow of the stove. Next to me was a pale, thin boy, with yellow hair. He was humming the tune of the song they were singing at the bar—"Don't you never, never take no 10-cent drink on me." It was Saturday night and a lot of men who had come to town from the railroad construction camps were lined up thick at the bar, a solid row of backs.

I was nearly asleep when I saw a heavy-set young fellow stick his head in the door, looking around at everybody. Then he came in and walked up to the yellow-haired boy and said in a low voice: "Are you cuttin' or carryin'?" The boy looked frightened and didn't answer until the question was repeated. Then he said, "Carryin'" and seemed to shake all over.

The heavy-set fellow turned and went toward the row of men lined up drinking. He seemed to be looking at their backsides as they were leaning on the bar. Some people in those days used to carry their old-fashioned purses loaded with heavy silver dollars in their hip pockets, and along this row of men you could see the bulges of four or five of them, because men who ride the rods of freight trains cannot wear long coats. Suddenly the heavy-set fellow walked down the line behind the men at the bar. He had something in his hand, and he paused behind several of the men with bulges on their pockets, and his hands were moving fast, and after he had passed you could see white spots

appearing on the backsides of the men where their pockets had been cut open.

I was drowsy from the hot stove and paralyzed with astonishment, thinking I was dreaming. The yellow-haired boy was trembling; he got up and slipped out of the side door. The heavy-set man was coming this way, looking uneasily for the boy. For an instant he stood over me, closing a clasp knife, and I could see several leather purses in his left hand. Then some men at the bar began shouting and feeling their backsides for their pockets; and the heavy-set fellow ran for the side door, but two men caught him. They beat his face bloody and took their purses from him and let him run away.

NEXT day on my way to the water tank on the other side of town to catch a train going south, I heard somebody whistling "Don't you never, never take no 10-cent drink on me," and I turned around and there was the yellow-haired boy. I asked him what that fellow meant when he said "cuttin' or carryin'?"

"He meant would I carry the pocketbooks, that he would pass to me, so that if he got caught, nobody could prove he done it, and I was to follow him out with the purses. That's the way of doing in the big city, and some honest fellows carry." "Why?" I asked. "The onliest reason is they are scared not to," he said.

I WISH that an honest man like Walter Lippmann would quit carrying.

Lippmann is a man of conviction, of wide intelligence. These qualities give him a prestige high above the welter of "columnists" under whose names so many "reputable" publishers nowadays conduct disreputable editorial policies.

Yet, even in an article clearly

intended to defend the all-important Yalta agreement of the United States with its allies, Lippmann said:

"And it is quite understandable that we should be aware of the fact that the Soviet Union, which does not practice free elections, is one of the three guarantors of free elections in Poland."

And all that was true and important of what he said became ineffective—all of his true words fall away because they can't keep company with the lie that the Soviet Union . . . does not practice free elections."

It is quite impossible to believe that Walter Lippmann does not know that this is a lie. And from this lie follows all the rest of the thesis of soulless men who say, "It is preferable to go down to defeat than to be victorious as" an ally of Russia.

For if the coming into existence of a great socialist state were not a vast event of development in world democracy—then it would have been impossible for Teheran or Yalta to have happened at all. In that case the vilest and most nonsensical lie of all history would be true—the filthy lie that Russia was allied with Nazi Germany. (After what we have seen of the terrific strength of socialist Russia, in crushing the German machine, supposed to have been the strongest of all time, if it had been possible for them to be "allies," how could such strength, combined, fail to have conquered the whole earth long ago?)

As long as Mr. Lippmann speaks the conventional "A" of this lie, the Hearsts and Howards will continue with the "B" which is that Russia is an "Asiatic barbarism" and that what we have ahead is not peace and order but war and chaos. As long as he pretends not to know that Great Britain has held less than five percent of the

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## Worth Repeating

BIG THREE IN CRIMEA CONFERENCE is title of editorial appearing in Feb. 14 issue of the Daily Ardmore of Ardmore, Okla., population 17,000, the editorial beginning: Lincoln would have liked that. On the anniversary of the birth of the Great Emancipator another proclamation of emancipation was issued to peoples of enslaved Europe setting forth that henceforth they are to be free of the bonds of militarized Germany and released from the yoke of Nazism.

This proclamation was issued by the Big Three at the Crimean conference at Yalta, on the shore of the Black Sea.

# Change the World

Maybe I don't get around to the movies often enough to be able to share the professional reviewer's optimism about so many films. Most film critics have to see a whole raft of Class B smelies and stinkies before a good one comes along. Half of the time they feel like the sailor of Columbus after many months at sea. Any land at all looks wonderful to them. They have been living on putrid water and decayed pork. The compass is crazy and there are no maps. Then one sailor sees a bird. It is a goggle-eyed booby, the clumsy, stupid brother of the gannet and the gull. It is so dopey you can catch it by hand, and so ugly its face would put a gold-digger to flight.



By Mike Gold

FOR instance, I dropped into my neighborhood house the other night to see *Winged Victory*. This is the air force "epic" by Moss Hart which received a billion dollar buildup, and which, upon my honor, bored and gagged me and made me angry with the system that spent several million dollars making the great, gooey, unwholesome thing.

War is the cruellest and most real of all human activities. The death of young airmen, especially, is something so tragic. One moment they are proud and free as the birds, it would seem; the next, a flaming exploding mass of tangled death.

At the least, let us not prettify the bombing planes and their crews, or make them out to be something intended merely for an answer to the maiden's prayer.

This is a war against the horrible and cruel threat of world fascism. It is an ugly war, in which women and babies and old people suffer equally with the warriors.

If we were not fighting for a grand purpose and to save civilization, war-making would be impossible to our youth, who were trained for peace and democracy and human decency.

"Beautiful bird of hope, now the land of democracy must surely be near in Hollywood films," the critic choruses every time a movie shows the faintest gleams of intelligence. I can understand his delight. But I cannot share the emotion, since I keep away from Class B smelies and therefore have no comparisons.

## Let's Face It

ALBANY.

I HAVE been impressed by the independent and progressive position taken on various issues by the Queens Republican delegation both in the Senate and Assembly.

On the Ives-Quinn permanent FEPC measure, both GOP Senators and four of the six Assemblymen stood solid against all amendments and for the bill. The other two Assemblymen were absent.

That is more than can be said for the Manhattan Republicans, for instance. Assemblyman John R. Brook and Sen. Frederic R. Coudert actively participated in the fight for crippling amendments, and Assemblyman Archibald Douglas went down the line in voting against the measure.

Other examples of the Queens group's position can be cited. In the Senate, for instance, Hammer and Halpern opposed the Gannett-sponsored effort to amend the U.S. Constitution to put a 25 percent ceiling on income taxes. They also aided in the defeat of a measure which would have injured seniority in civil service.

In the Assembly, the Queens Republicans backed a CIO-sponsored amendment to the Governor's budget bills, introduced by American Laborite Leo Isaacson, to establish a \$1,500 minimum in state service, despite a rather pointed request from GOP leaders that the amendment be defeated. They also joined in defeating in the lower house the same effort to weaken the seniority system in civil service.

Most of these legislators are new. The re-



by Max Gordon

apportionment in Queens doubled the number of Assemblymen, from six to 12, and the number of Senators from two to four, thereby bringing the legislators closer to their constituents. The GOP contingent increased from one to six in the Assembly and from one to two in the Senate.

I don't mean to imply that the new men are shining progressives. What is important about their behavior is that legislators simply do not act that way unless they are confident they have considerable popular support back home. In view of the general attitude that the people of Queens are reactionary because they voted heavily Republican last year, I feel this development is highly significant. Quite evidently, there are political currents blowing which the vote did not accurately reflect.

As a matter of fact, judging from the defeatist position toward the Crimea conference decisions taken by the two Queens Democratic Congressmen, James A. Roe and William B. Barry, there is some question whether the Democrats will not continue to lose ground in that great borough not because the borough is reactionary, but because the Democratic leadership is reactionary. Rep. Roe is the Queens Democratic leader. Both he and Barry delivered some of the most bitter anti-United Nations speeches in the House on the results of Crimea.

There have been numerous other indications here that it is important to avoid any automatic tagging of Republicans with the reactionary label. The practice is still all too prevalent in labor and other progressive circles,

## Some War Films Are Less Than Inspiring

to me, do you hear, words, words! But Dick is real. His smile, his shining hair, his arms about me—that's all I ask of life. Dear God, where is my Dick?" etc., etc., gulps and sobs one of the futile heroines.

IT IS reported that soldiers in the front lines have begun to holler and boo films like *Hollywood Canteen*, and similar war films.

A fellow sweating blood and who has had dozens of his best friends murdered in grotesque and horrible ways beside him simply cannot stomach much of this tripe.

The soldier is said to feel that the home front has let him down badly by making a cheap and easy thing out of his sacrifices.

Will not somebody put an end to films which show handsome Errol Flynn single-handed putting whole battalions of Japanese and Nazis to flight and thus winning the war without a single crease in his lovely tailor-made uniform?

The cheap Johns of box office still dominate Hollywood. Its more progressive workers have managed to smuggle through a sprinkling of true humanity. It redeems the industry. But it is not enough.

The Hollywood film, on the whole, is still cheap and unworthy of representing the great democratic heart of the American people. It is too often a libel on our masses, too often the product of this tinselled Ivory Tower where sordid gamblers play for million-dollar stakes with the hope and culture of our land.

## Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

In a Second Hand Store

Manhattan

Editor, Daily Worker:

In an issue of the Daily Worker about three weeks ago, I came across a request from Arch Canfield, of Stamford, N. Y., for information regarding a copy of Albert Rhys Williams book, "Lenin, the Man and His Works Through the Russian Revolution" which is now out of print.

In my browsing among old books, I came across a good clean copy of this book at Wex's Book Shop, 85 Fourth Avenue, N. Y. C., which can be obtained postpaid for \$1.50. I'm sure Mr. Canfield would be interested in knowing this.

CONSTANCE F.

Resistance Writers Who Rejected Prize

Manhattan

Editor, Daily Worker:

In the Daily Worker of this morning (March 6) there appears a reference to resistance writers rejecting a literary award in France, taken from the New Yorker appearing in your column called Worth Repeating. Could you give the names of the writers who took this action? J. J.

(Ed. Note—Due to space pressure, part of the quotation was omitted. It would have quoted the writers as saying: "It is derisory for them to give an award of this sort to writers who were and are still fixed on the sublime goal of the Rights of Man and of whom some—let us not forget them—were killed or deported by the Germans." The letter was signed by, among others, Elsa Triolet, Francois Mauriac, Claude Aveline, Jean Guehenno, Louis Aragon, Jean Cassou, Claude Morgan, Paul Eluard and Vercors.)

Protests Funds To Committee

Manhattan

Editor, Daily Worker:

We, the undersigned workers of the Greatline Shop, 37 W. 37 St., have sent a letter to the Union Bulletin and the press, protesting against using any of the money of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in support of the Jewish Labor Committee. We have contributed a day's pay to the War Relief Fund of the Union, which we did gladly because of the great need to help all recognized war relief agencies.

The Jewish labor Committee is not a recognized agency. It uses its funds to stir up disunity in our own ranks as well as abroad. We don't want our money to be used for disunity but for war relief only.

JACOB TREISTMAN,  
shop chairman  
LOUIS DAVIDOWITZ  
ABRAHAM KONIAC  
Members of local 66,  
ILGWU.

Novelist OK's New Column

Brooklyn

Editor, Daily Worker:

I liked Johnny Meldon's column in Feb. 27 edition of the Daily Worker. It got me thinking of the old days when we met occasionally and ate in the old "eat-atorium." Also got me thinking of the days when he knocked out the sketches which appeared in New Masses and Partisan Review.

BEN FIELD.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

## Bill of Health

THE Pepper Committee summarized the results of its public hearings on wartime health in an Interim Report published on Jan. 2, 1945. This 22-page report, which presents the need for improvement of services and facilities to provide health care for the public, places much needed emphasis on the value of preventive medical care.



From 1900-1940 the death rate in the United States fell almost 60 percent. Much of this decline in mortality statistics can be attributed to the fall in those diseases which can be controlled through better sanitation and through immunization. How does control of the water and sewage supply, and the control of food products, affect the general health condition? Deaths from typhoid and paratyphoid fevers, both water-borne, fell 97 percent. Deaths from diarrhea and enteritis, controlled by improved sewage systems and control of the food supply, fell 92 percent. And deaths from diphtheria, controlled by immunization, fell 97 percent.

Much of this work, so vital to the health of the people, has been done by public health agencies, local, state, or Federal. Their prob-

by Celia Langer

lem is to wipe out diseases which are preventable—tuberculosis, malaria, syphilis, gonorrhea, typhoid and diphtheria. The techniques of handling these diseases are known. The only thing lacking is properly staffed and equipped county health departments in every state in the union.

THE Department of Health of New York State has an official motto, "Public Health Is Purchasable." Put the money into public health work, through properly organized local health departments, and the death rate falls. Of the 3,070 counties in the United States, 40 percent still do not have full-time public health departments. Many of these are rural areas where money for public improvements is lacking.

The Interim Report of the Pepper Committee proposed that the "Federal government should increase the amount of grants to state health departments to the end that complete geographic coverage by full-time local health departments may be achieved and that state and local public health programs may be expanded in accordance with need."

Two news items appeared recently which

## Preventive Medical Care Cited by Pepper Body

show that not only the Pepper Committee is interested in these problems. The voters of Adams and Du Page counties in Illinois, voted in November elections to levy a special tax to set up county health departments. Obviously federal grants, as proposed by the Pepper Committee, would help the residents of these two counties considerably.

AND from the Daily Worker of Dec. 24, 1944, we learn that: "Residents of Cincinnati can tell when Pittsburghers had asparagus for dinner. . . . One quart of each gallon of Ohio River water reaching Cincinnati is Pittsburgh waste." Although it is more of an aesthetic than a medical problem to find somebody else's asparagus in your drinking water, for Cincinnati to strain out Pittsburgh's waste from its water supply is a problem that is oblivious of state's rights and obviously requires federal intervention.

While popular attention today is primarily concerned with the solution to the medical care problem, every one interested in maintaining his own health and that of his family has the obligation to inquire into the efficiency of his county health department.

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# Aguinaldo Captured; Held For Helping Japanese

## FOREIGN BRIEFS

### British Strings In Greek Gov't

Kyriakos Varvareos, royalist governor of the **BANK OF ATHENS**, collaborator of the pre-war fascist Metaxas dictatorship and friend of exiled King George II, is being nominated for the Greek Ministry of Finance by the "cabinet makers," the London Times reported Feb. 23. . . . **BRITISH AMBASSADOR** to Greece, Rex Leeper, wired Foreign Secretary Eden Jan. 15: "It is my task, as you know, to keep the Greek government along lines which reasonable people in England will think reasonable." . . . Stelios Pistolakis, ex-deputy and chairman of the Greek American Council, shows in his pamphlet, *The Truth About Greece*, that British bankers are still anxious to collect on debts incurred by Greece in the 90's.

Mauro SCOCCHIMARRO, Communist member of the four-man Italian cabinet committee appointed to supervise a firmer purge of fascists after the escape of war criminal Mario Roatta, is Minister of Occupied Territories and was previously Deputy High Commissioner for the Punishment of Fascist Crimes. . . . **MUSSOLINI** said in a broadcast that Germany would be justified in using poison gas. . . . Israel ZOLLI, former Chief Rabbi of Rome who adopted Catholicism, will soon accept a Vatican position. . . . Striking **BRITISH** longshoremen voted to return to work.

Oranges from **SPAIN** arrive in Britain in paper wrappings stamped with crossed American and British flags, tied with a pink bow, bearing the words: Unity Makes Peace. Not long ago, orange crates from Spain contained time bombs as well as fruit. . . . The official Spanish radio on Feb. 20 said: "The European nations . . . place their hope in the final victory of the Reich."

### Lumber Goes Overseas

More than 25,000,000 board feet of lumber are shipped overseas through the Naval Supply Depot in Seattle each month.

### WHAT'S ON

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#### Coming

ALPHAEUS HUNTON discusses "Can the Colonial Question Be Solved Now?" Also "This Is China," documentary film with a commentary by Clifton Padman. Unity Center, 2744 Broadway (near 105 St.), Sunday, March 11th, 8 P.M. Admission 35¢.

MANILA, March 8 (UP). — Emilio Aguinaldo, aged Filipino insurrectionist who led two uprisings against Spain and the U.S. at the turn of the century, is in American custody as a Japanese puppet leader, it was learned today.

Now over 70, Aguinaldo was a member of the Japanese-created Council of State which endorsed puppet president Jose P. Laurel's declaration of war against the United States last year. His defection to the Japanese was reported soon after they landed in the Philippines in 1942.

(Aguinaldo's rebel army joined with the Americans in defeating the Spaniards during the Spanish-American war in 1898. When the Spaniards were expelled and the Americans showed no signs of leaving the islands he rose in revolt again and fought bitterly for several years before he was captured by Gen. Frederick Funston.)

Another puppet politico said to be in American custody is Leon Guinto, former Japanese-appointed military governor of Manila. Guinto, who was trained in police work in New York City and later became commissioner for the Philippine state police, was captured by guerrillas south of Manila and turned over to American authorities.

Benigno Aquino, former speaker of the assembly, and Pio Duran, vice-minister for home affairs and leader of the fascist-type organization Kaliabapi, are both said to be in Tokyo with Laurel.

### 72,196 Soviet Women Hold War Medals

MOSCOW, March 8 (UP).—The Moscow press, in celebration of International Women's Day, reported today that 72,196 women serving with the Red Army have been awarded orders and medals since the war began in 1941.

During the past year 42 women have received Stalin prizes for scientific work while 217 were named university professors.

### Pennsylvania FEPC Hearing in 2 Weeks

HARRISBURG, March 8.—Public hearings on the Brown bill and other FEPC legislation will be held within two weeks, Rep. Adam Bower, Republican chairman of the House Labor Committee, told delegates campaigning here for the Brown bill.

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# Big 3 Form Basis for World Peace: Stassen

Following are highlights from the Minneapolis speech of Lt. Cmdr. Harold E. Stassen on the problem of world peace and the San Francisco conference:

With splendid military leadership from the Commander in Chief and from generals like Marshal, Eisenhower, MacArthur and Arnold and Vandegrift and admirals like Leahy, Nimitz and Halsey, they have brought us within sight of the final victory.

That final victory must be our No. 1 aim until the last enemy has surrendered. Nothing must divert us from following through to early, complete winning of the war.

I have consulted and will consult with leaders of our government and of my Republican party; of Church; of labor, agriculture and business; of women, of youth and of veterans. But I will not seek to nor claim to represent any of them as special groups at San Francisco. I will consider it my duty to represent my country as a whole as I see its best welfare, and to be individually responsible for my actions. It will be my aim to assist in securing a result of this crucial conference which will be supported by the overwhelming majority of the people of America, and by substantially all of the other United Nations. But I cannot say too emphatically that the alternative to finding the areas of agreement is to do nothing at all. And nothing at all would start us on our way along the short road of inaction to world-wide depressions and to the next and most tragic world war.

(The British radio, also recorded in New York by the FCC, said the Central Committee of the EAM, of which the ELAS is the military branch, "has protested to the Greek regent, the Greek government and the diplomatic representatives of Great Britain."

(The EAM, the BBC said, alleged that the Greek government is persecuting its members in violation of the agreements which ended the Greek civil war.

(The BBC said Premier Gen. Nicholas Plastiras issued "a severe order to the National Guard against letting themselves be carried away by their political sentiments."

ture in the peaceful development of its resources and its standing in the world.

They will not always see problems alike. They will not always please each other. But, in the main, they must and should work out their differences of views and find the way for joint action. The Yalta Conference was a very important indication that this can and will be done. Clearly, then, our policies should be based on the development of the world with these three de-

string peace.

Let us also make it clear that the United Nations organization does not mean breaking up any of the stable associations of nations and peoples now in existence. It is definitely not adverse to the British Commonwealth of Nations, nor to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, nor to the various associations of nations through treaties and friendships. On the contrary we seek to build on these cornerstones of stability a worldwide beginning for order and justice and peace in place of chaos and tragedy and war.

Tremendous steps have been taken in recent months toward the fulfillment of this first cardinal point of our foreign policy.

With the background of the Atlantic Charter and the commitments of Secretary Hull's conference at Moscow, the declarations of Teheran, the proposals of Dumbarton Oaks, the decisions at Yalta, the President's excellent message to Congress last week, and the never ending wholesome study and discussion throughout America have brought us to the eve of the San Francisco conference for the drafting of a definite framework for continuing United Nations action in peace, with the overwhelming support of the people of the country and of the United States Senate for making war. Each has a great fu-

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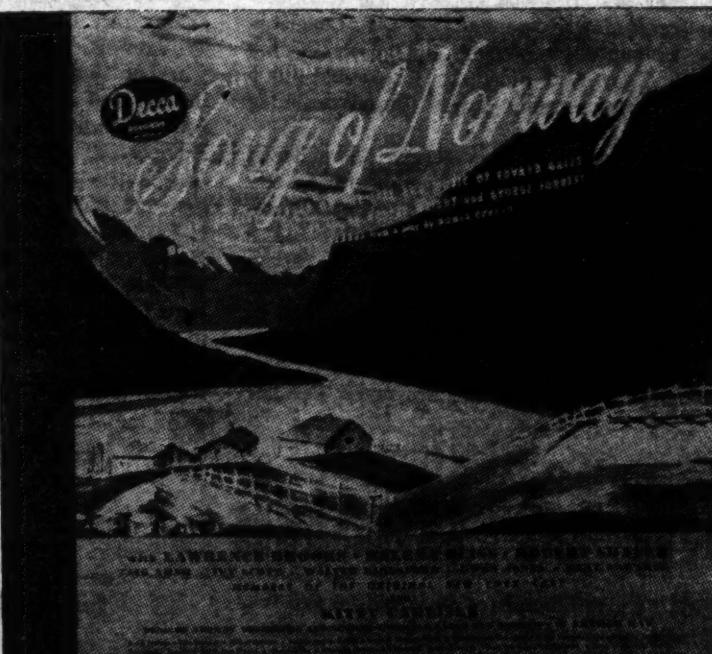
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## Robert Minor

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free voting that has occurred in the towns and villages of Russia since June, 1941, and pretends to think that people vote more freely in Mississippi or New York for that matter than in west Ukraine, all his other words are lifeless, and his case is lost in spite of its full-fledged validity.

Strangely Lippmann reveals the quicksand he has fallen into through conceding the truth of big lies in the hope of thereby telling a little truth. He finds himself conceding that "the dis-

puted issues do not lend themselves to certain and absolute moral judgment," and to find support he quotes an eminent moral theologian as saying:

"Obscurity . . . exists as to the application of moral principles to concrete cases . . . [and] we are frequently at a loss as to what course duty prescribes."

The truth can prevail only by breaking through this obscurantism and boldly stating the greatest fact of the century—that the historic development of world democracy has taken that stride forward which has produced a large socialist state, and that there can henceforth be no world-de-

mocracy that does not include this socialist state.

The Hearsts, Howards and Patersons can cut purses only so long as editors and writers of the respectability of Lippmann compromise themselves by carrying.

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## The Lowdown

### '4-Minute Mile Possible With Mental Conditioning'

By Nat Low

Last summer, after Arne Andersson, Hagg's famous Swedish colleague, had set a new mile record of 4:01.6, I claimed that the four-minute mile would be possible if the runners of the world deliberately set after doing it instead of going by the norms established by other runners. "Conception is the all-important thing in running," I said then, "and if men think the four-minute mile possible then they'll do it."

Today one of the best and most respected of all track coaches, Emil von Elling of NYU, says much the same thing in a United Press story written by Oscar Fraley. We run it below because it is of great interest and supports what we said last summer.

By OSCAR FRALEY

Emil von Elling, veteran New York University track coach, has absolutely nothing against Sweden or its outstanding product—Gunder Hagg. The shrewd little man thinks it's a great country and "The Vunder" a great guy.

But take it from Emil, the land of smorgasbord, northern lights and super-milers has nothing on the United States whether it be food, flood-lights or foot racing. Particularly foot racing.

That has been Emil's racket for 31 years so you couldn't call him a rank amateur. And it's something like a double-barreled controversy when Von Elling observes:

1. American milers Glenn Cunningham and Les MacMitchell both could have beaten Hagg when they were in their prime.

2. The four-minute mile is a cinch for the man with "mental conditioning."

"Track is a measurement sport," Von Elling observed, "and the athletes simply measure themselves against existing records on the theory that records are made to be broken. In that way track records are not smashed to pieces but are lowered bit by bit."

Emil pointed to the mile record as a means of illustrating his point. The mark has fallen second by second, he showed, and therefore it is impossible to classify the milers of all time as you could classify football players, boxers, etc. Milers run what they have to in order to best their opposition—or pace themselves to break an existing record.

Cunningham, if he had extended himself the night he ran a 4:04.4 mile at Dartmouth, could have bettered four minutes, Von holds. As it was, the old "Iron Horse" simply clocked himself to a 4:04 pace.

Von Elling refuses to classify milers of all time, particularly in the case of his own boys such as MacMitchell or Bill Hulse, who ran 4:06 outdoors for the fastest cinder path time by any American. But he does call the "modern" milers in this fashion: 1, Cunningham; 2, Bill Bonthron of Princeton; 3, Gene Venzke of Penn; 4, Chuck Fenske of Wisconsin, and 5, Lou Zamperini of Southern California.

The gray-haired coach with the keen blue eyes leaves no doubt that he considers Cunningham and MacMitchell, former joint record holders at 4:07.4, as the all-time tops among milers. He makes no mention of Bill Dodds, holder of the current record of 4:06.4, and stoutly asserts that his favored pair could have bested Hagg.

"There's no doubt in my mind about that," he smiled.

This despite Hagg's 4:02 performance when Arne Andersson beat him by a nose in setting a world record of 4:01.6.

"With the proper mental conditioning, either Cunningham or Mac-Mitchell could have bettered four minutes," Von Elling asserted. "They just didn't have to in setting their record—so they didn't. But when we get the lad who deliberately sets out to break that four-minute mark, then that's the day the skeptics are going to see it done."

Meanwhile, said skeptics can sit back with a cat-ate-the-canary expression. They've still got one and six-tenths seconds as proof that, up until right now, Von Elling is wrong. Just as the Swedes believe he's off the beam on the other count.

## The Adventures of Richard —

### All About 'Dequilients'

By Mike Singer

There's a big sign in one of the neighborhood stores calling on the community to join in the drive for a center to "combat juvenile delinquency." The kids stood in front of the store discussing the project.

"Boy, basketball and games, that's a swell idea for a place," Flekel said.

"Yeh, but it ain't for us," Menash declared.

"Why ain't it for us?" No-Nose asked.

"That's only for dequilients," Menash explained.

"Delinquents, can't you even read straight?" Jimmy corrected. "Besides it's for everybody young in this section. That's what the sign says."

"Are we delinquents?" Pritzl asked.

"Delinquents are kids that get into trouble, stealing and stuff like that, eh Jimmy?" Richard defined and queried at the same time.

"Yeh, but this sign also talks about a place for fun and a nursery school for the neighborhood."

"Who's a delinquent?" No-Nose asked, already on the offensive. "We're just as good as any kids." the store window.

We don't need no special place."

"Aw, jerk, they don't mean you, they mean everybody," Flekel said.

"They DONT mean everybody," Jimmy insisted. "They mean only delinquents."

"Well, just before you said it was for all kids, then you said it's only for delinquents," Menash shouted.

Then Alby's quiet voice broke through the hubub. "You guys don't read carefully," he said. "The sign says 'A Place For Fun, Health Training For Flatbush Kids NOW. . . For Better American Adults Later.' See, it's for everybody, I guess."

"OK then, but don't nobody start calling me a deliquid," No-Nose warned.

"Delinquent, delinquent, delinquent," Jimmy repeated.

"Don't show off," Menash told him, as the gang moved away from



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## CCNY Knows: Can't Toy with Explosive NYU

If the teams of the Invitation Tournament play against NYU as did CCNY, the high-flying Violets, who have been beaten no less than seven times this season, will sweep right through to the mythical national title, defeats and all.

The Beavers played right into the strong and willing hands of the explosive Violets at the Garden Wednesday night and suffered their most crushing defeat in many years, 75-48. They ran with one of the fastest teams in the country, forsook the tentacle-like man-to-man defense which alone can halt the NYU'ers and generally played like a bad edition of the Rhode Island Rhodies, thus giving the amazingly talented shooters of NYU all the space they needed under the baskets.

Thus Howard Cann's surprising boys are suddenly the talk of the basketball world and have reached the heights predicted for them early in the season. At the moment, in fact, they are even stronger than they were supposed to be then for

for with the addition of marvelous Adolf Schayes and little, dynamic Don Forman, they have rounded out their talents, control the backboards and are "up" all during a game.

It was somewhat breathtaking the way they ran roughshod over the Beavers Wednesday. In seven and a half minutes the Violet had piled up 12 points while holding the too-eager Beavers to exactly NONE. (When did a CCNY club ever go seven and a half minutes without a tally?). Key man in this early offensive which just about crushed the spirits of the Beavers, was Frank Mangiapane, a driving, splendid ball player all season long and the best team man on the squad. Frank not only scored six of these first twelve points but played an inspired game defensively, completely dominating

the play under the boards and sticking his finger into every City College offensive pie.

The Beavers never could get over this handicap. They allowed the Violets to engage in court-length passes, didn't choke up the middle until it was too late and generally behaved like a bunch of kids in a shinny game.

Towards the end of the first half Nat Holman had the boys switch over to a defense zone with three men under the basket and two outside, and the Violets slowed down somewhat but here little Forman began to hit on set shots from the outside so at the beginning of the second half the Beavers were forced to go back to their traditional man-to-man.

Again outstanding were Sid Tenenbaum, who scored 13 points and played a marvelous floor game, the incomparable Schayes who is simply unbelievable for a sixteen-year old, the aforementioned heroes Forman (20 points) and Mangiapane (14 points) and sub Al Most.

Paul Schmones was the yeoman of the guard for City, tallying 17 points and generally carrying the burden, but Sid Finger had one of his rare off-nights and that hurt a great deal.

### NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—Don Goddard, News  
WOR—News; Music  
WJZ—Glamour Manor  
WABC—News; Kate Smith's Chat  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Luncheon Music  
12:15-WEAF—Talk—Maggie McNellis  
WABC—Big Sister  
12:30-WEAF—United States Marine Band  
WOR—News; The Answer Man  
WOR—News; Farm-Home Makers  
WABC—Helen Trent  
12:45-WABC—Our Gal Sunday  
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride  
WOR—Jack Bundy's Album  
WJZ—H. R. Bawhage  
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Symphony Music  
1:15-WOR—Lopez Orchestra  
WJZ—Women's Exchange Show  
WABC—Ma Perkins  
1:30-WABC—Bernardine Flynn  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News  
WOR—American Women's Jury  
WJZ—Galen Drake  
WABC—The Goldbergs

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WMCA—570 Ke. WEVD—1330 Ke.  
WEAF—660 Ke. WNEW—1180 Ke.  
WOR—710 Ke. WLII—1190 Ke.  
WJZ—770 Ke. WHN—1050 Ke.  
WNYC—830 Ke. WOV—1290 Ke.  
WABC—880 Ke. WBNY—1480 Ke.  
WINS—1000 Ke. WQXR—1560 Ke.

### 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News Reports  
WOR—Sydney Moseley  
WJZ—News; Kieran's News Corner  
WABC—News; Quincy Howe  
WMCA—News; Talk; Music  
WQXR—News; Music to Remember  
6:15-WEAF—Concert Music  
WOR—Dorsey Orchestra  
WJZ—Ethel and Albert  
WABC—Lyn Murray Orchestra  
6:15-WQXR—News; Dinner Music  
WJZ—News; Whose War?—Talk  
WABC—Sally Moore, Songs  
WMCA—Leon Pearson  
6:45-WEAF—Sports, Bill Stern  
6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas  
WOR—Sports, Stan Lomax  
WJZ—Peggy Mann, Songs  
WABC—The World Today—News  
WMCA—Recorded Music  
6:55-WABC—Joseph P. Harsch, News  
7:00-WEAF—Supper Club, Variety  
WOR—Fulton Lewis, Jr.  
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad  
WABC—Jack Kirkwood Show  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—Lisa Sergio  
7:15-WEAF—News; John W. Vandercook  
WOR—The Answer Man  
WJZ—Raymond Gram Swing  
WABC—Fields Orchestra  
WMCA—Five Star Final  
WQXR—Operetta Music  
7:30-WEAF—Al Roth's Orchestra  
WOR—Variety Musicale  
WJZ—The Lone Ranger  
WABC—Variety Musicale  
WMCA—J. Raymond Walsh  
WQXR—Treasury of Music  
7:45-WEAF—H. V. Kaltenborn  
WOR—Johannes Steel  
WMCA—Ted Martin, Songs  
8:00-WEAF—Highways in Melody  
WOR—Cecil Brown, Songs  
WJZ—Stars of the Future  
WABC—The Aldrich Family—Play  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall  
8:15-WOR—Curt Massey, Songs  
8:30-WEAF—Duffy's Tavern—Ed Gardner  
WOR—Freedom of Opportunity  
WABC—Army Nurse—Play  
WABC—Adventures of the Thin Man  
8:35-WABC—Bill Henry, News

### 9 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT

9:00-WEAF—Frank Munn, Tenor; Evelyn MacGregor, Contralto; Chorus  
WOR—Gabriel Heatter  
WJZ—Famous Jury Trials  
WABC—It Pays to Be Ignorant  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
10:15-WOR—Sammy Kaye Varieties  
WABC—Jimmy Durante, Comedy  
WMCA—News; Recorded Music  
WQXR—News; Encore Music  
10:30-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern  
WJZ—The Doctors Talk It Over  
WABC—Stage Door Canteen  
10:45-WEAF—To Be Announced  
WJZ—Letter to Your Service Man  
WQXR—he Tale Teller  
11:00-WEAF—News; Music  
WJZ, WABC—News; Music  
WMCA—News; Talk; Music  
WQXR—News; Just Music  
11:05-WJZ—W. S. Gailmor  
11:30-WEAF—The World's Great Novels  
12:00-WEAF, WABC—News; Music  
WJZ, WMCA—News; Music  
WQXR—News Reports

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# Richard Wright's Book Marked By Rejection of His People

Scalding images of hate and fear, violence and flight dominate Richard Wright's account of his childhood and adolescence in *Black Boy* (Harper, \$2.50). In this autobiographical study, ending with his departure from the South to Chicago, Wright seeks to project the shocks and tensions of a personality that was permitted by a hostile culture to express itself only through "rejection, rebellion, and aggression."

The pattern of violent hostility unfolds from the opening page, where the four-year-old child is described as angry, impatient, sulky, bored, resentful, filled with dread of punishment by his family. The child burns down his house and is lashed into unconsciousness by his mother. To mock the authority of his father, whom he hates "with a deep biological bitterness," he strangles a kitten, which "gasped, slobbered, spun, doubled, clawed the air frantically; finally its mouth gaped and its pink-white tongue shot out stiffly."

## MARGIN OF HYSTERIA

As he grew up, hungry, lonely, whipped, humiliated, "a drunkard in my sixth year," consumed by dread and distrust, the boy lived on the margin of hysteria. "In a confused and vague way," Wright recalls, "I knew that I was doing more running away from than running toward something." Always fighting, "because I felt I had to keep from being crushed, to fend off continuous attack," he took to melodramatic novels "to feed that thirst for violence that was in me, for intrigue, for plotting, for secrecy, for bloody murders."

He fends off "attacks" from his family. He takes a knife against an aunt, two razors against an uncle. He hits back at the religious fanaticism of his grandmother and mother. He expresses hostility toward his grandfather, who had fought with the Union troops in the Civil War. The father whom he hated early deserted his wife for another woman.

As the story proceeds, "A dread of white people now came to live permanently in my feelings and imagination." The hostility toward his family ("There were more violent quarrels in our deeply religious home than in the home of a gangster, a burglar, or a prostitute . . .") now broadens into a continuous fight, necessarily under the surface, against his boorish, menacing, white-supremacy employers, who treated him with a sadistic and ignorant cruelty which drove him to lie, steal, and finally to flee.

## BLIND SUBJECTIVITY

In some passages, *Black Boy* approaches dignity as an indictment of a Jimcrow society which, through "its cowardice, its heritage of guilt and blood, its burden of anxiety and compulsive cruelty," seeks to crush every vestige of human dignity and aspiration in the Negro. Certainly, the description of how Wright is egged on to fight another Negro for the pleasure of white observers, is a memorable unmasking of the white-supremacy mentality. In such passages, particularly where he can fully exploit the vocabulary of violence, Wright again, as in *Native Son*, reveals his striking gifts as a narrative artist.

And in other passages, almost in spite of that "ruthless objectivity" for which he has been so lavishly and superficially praised, Wright uses the language of human warmth: "My mother's suffering grew into a symbol in my mind, gathering to itself all the poverty, the ignorance, the helplessness, the painful, baffling, hunger-ridden days and hours; the restless mov-

ing, the futile seeking, the uncertainty, the fear, the dread; the meaningless pain and the endless suffering."

But in other sections Wright speaks with contempt, and even in this passage, the mother is seen not in and of herself but as a "symbol" for the author's ideas and emotions. This is characteristic. For, as W. E. B. DuBois so perceptively noted in his *Herald Tribune* review last Sunday, "The hero is interested in himself, is self-centered to the exclusion of everybody and everything else." His ruthless objectivity is in reality blind subjectivity. And it is all the more tyrannical because Wright again and again insists that he has achieved clarity and perspective on the years he describes.

Actually, he is in revolt against everything but the despotism of his ego.

## BIGOTED JUDGMENTS

Most objectionably, this boundlessly self-centered destructiveness expresses itself in Wright's bigoted judgments of his own people, judgments written from a presumably "mature" point of view. He writes—and I apologize for the quotation: "After I had outlived the shocks of childhood, after the habit of reflection had been born in me, I used to mull over the strange absence of real kindness in Negroes, how unstable was our tenderness, how lacking in genuine passion we were, how void of great hope, how timid our joy, how bare our traditions, how hollow our memories, how lacking we were in those intangible sentiments that bind man to man, and how shallow was even our despair. . . . And when I brooded upon the cultural barrenness of black life, I wondered if clean, positive tenderness, love, honor, loyalty, and the capacity to remember were native with man."

This passage does not undermine the white-supremacists; it accepts and spreads their prejudices. I can account for this only by other revealing sections of the book which clearly show the utterly indiscriminate character of Wright's hostility, which extends not only to every single white person in the book but, far more seriously, makes it impossible for him to appreciate the full human qualities of any Negro, whether at the point of direct experience or in retrospect. And this blind and bitter antagonism is invariably coupled here with a swollen sense of superiority.

## SUBTLE SNOBBISM

Thus, of some fellow-pupils: "These boys and girls were will-less, their speech flat, their gestures vague, their personalities devoid of anger, hope, laughter, enthusiasm, passion, or despair. I was able to see them with an objectivity that was inconceivable to them."

Thus: "Again and again I vowed that some day I would end this hunger of mine, this apartness, this eternal difference; and I did not suspect that I would never get intimately into their lives, that I was doomed to live with them but not of them, that I had my own strange and separate road, a road which in later years would make them wonder how I came to tread it."

This haughty sense of being different produces the impression that Wright is the one exception to every unintelligent rule he makes about the "black peasants." Dr. DuBois, commenting on Wright's serious "misjudgment of black folk," has noted that "the Negroes whom he paints have almost no redeeming qualities. Some work hard, some are sly, many are resentful; but there is none who is ambitious, successful or really intelligent." This autobiography, to be sure, is an almost clinical search for "himself," but in seeing the world as "himself and his suffering," Wright

loses creative contact with the people through whom he could understand the meaning of his own life. Indeed, of all the people in his book, Wright might say, as in an early passage about some children: "... instead of my leaving drawing me to them in communion, it had flung me forever beyond them."

These people, treated with a subtle snobbism, are very clearly not those we met in his earlier book, *Uncle Tom's Children*. And this is not surprising, for *Black Boy* is a kind of retouched "autobiography," like the chapters on I Tried to Be a Communist, which the Book-of-the-Month Club saw fit to spare its readers for the moment. In these two chapters, which appeared in the *Atlantic Monthly*, Wright continues his rampantly undifferentiated hatreds, his self-justifications at the expense of fellow Negroes, his flagrant falsehoods, his rewriting of history in the interest of self-magnification.

## RUNNING AWAY

Here he developed the portrait of the young artist who, despite the desperate hunger of his childhood, a hunger which as he should know still grips the bellies of Negro children in Mississippi, has no concern with "tabulating the price of groceries." "I gritted my teeth," he writes, "as the daily value of pork chops was tabulated, longing to be at home with my writing."

Thus, at a time when the thoughtful writers in all countries are turning their attention to building a free world in which pork chops can not only be tabulated but eaten, Richard Wright discovers that his integrity as an artist forbids such sordid preoccupation with "peasant" concerns. He mistakes the philosophical foothills of the last century for the Parnassus of the present. He must serve his art by being against everybody, beginning with the family of his childhood. Despite all illusions of a new-found psy-

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There was a complete performance of Alessandro Scarlatti's Motet to Requiem filled with harmony and dramatic movement, and there were the filigree melodies of Johann Christoph Kiedel, in his Kirchenkantate called *Die Engelen*. An aria from Mozart's Motet, *Regina Coeli*, written in 1776, was exceptionally beautiful. Mozart wrote it at the age of 15, and it is already numbered Opus 106.

To the increasing number of people who are depriving the pleasures of genuine music, the name of Ives Tinayre is a good name to look for.

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## Late Bulletins

### Vinson Revises Limitations On Fringe Wage Increases

WASHINGTON, March 8 (UP)—Retiring Stabilization Director Fred M. Vinson tonight established limits for fringe wage increases acceptable to his successor, William H. Davis, chairman of the War Labor Board.

Vinson directed that the WLB may grant these wage increases regardless of whether they would require price increases.

**Vacations**—One week after one year's service, two weeks after five years.

**Shift differentials**—Not to exceed four cents for the second or eight cents per hour for the third shift.

**Merit increases and automatic wage increases**—Not to exceed present WLB standards.

**Job reclassifications**—Not to exceed an average increase for all employees in a plant of more than one cent an hour or 1 percent of the total payroll.

All other non-basic wage adjust-

ments or changes in working conditions—Prohibited if they require price increases.

Vinson's action came on the eve of his moving from the Office of Economic Stabilization to head the Federal-loan administration and settled his three-month old dispute with the WLB.

He simultaneously rescinded his Feb. 19, 1945, directive to the WLB in which he proposed much less liberal allowances for these adjustments.

He accepted instead Davis' proposals, except the amount allowable for job reclassification. The WLB had awarded 5 cents an hour for this purpose to eliminate wage rate inequities in deciding the dispute between the United Steelworkers (CIO) and 86 basic steel companies. Vinson limited future awards for such purposes to one cent or 1 percent of a plant's total payroll.

UAW Board Raps Dodge Local Leaders for Condoning Strike

The United Automobile Workers general executive board concluded its sessions here last night with a sharp condemnation of the leadership of Dodge Local 3 for "condoning the recent costly strike at the main plant of the Chrysler Corporation."

The board's resolution declared that "special condemnation must be applied to the president of the local union, (Michael Nowak) whose duty it is to enforce the provisions of the constitution, and to strive to the utmost of his ability to prevent work stoppages."

The board declared that the strike was a violation of the "mandate of our convention and our no-strike pledge to the country." Suspension of officers ordinarily taken in such case was not given effect in this instance, the resolution said because the newly elected officers had not yet been installed.

A warning follows, however, that failure to "measure up to responsibility" will be "instantly" taken up by the board.

#### PHONY STORY REPUDIATED

President R. J. Thomas repudiated a story released Wednesday alleging that the UAW board "endorsed the demands of the United Mine Workers." That story, coupled with statements by Martin Gerber and Charles Kerrigan, eastern UAW directors, attacking the New York CIO's anti-Lewis position, left an impression that the UAW's board backed Lewis. Thomas said:

"When I returned from Washington this morning and saw it in

the papers, I asked the board what the action was on that. No endorsement of any kind was made. A committee was authorized to only consider the question. We couldn't get to it today. It was left to our next board meeting on April 16."

On hearing a report from international representative Alfred Olerio that economic sanctions against E. A. Laboratories imposed five weeks ago are still not in effect, the board voted to request the President for effective sanctions. The Brooklyn company, owned by John M. Aufiero, exposed as a pro-fascist, refused to comply with a War Labor Board ruling. Economic Stabilizer Fred M. Vinson then took the unprecedented action of barring all supplies for the company. Olerio said that far from ending production, the company received supplies and even additional Navy contracts.

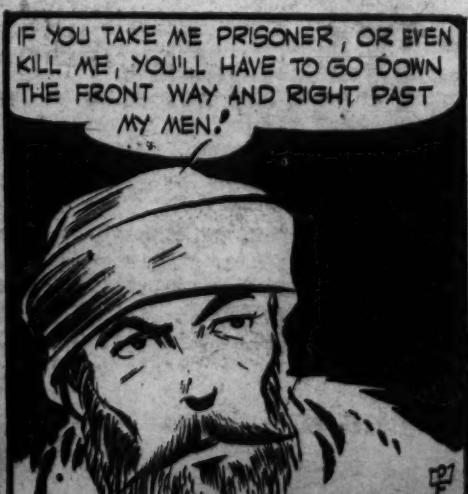
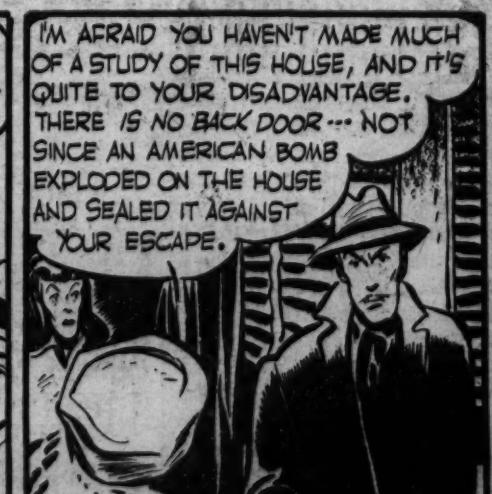
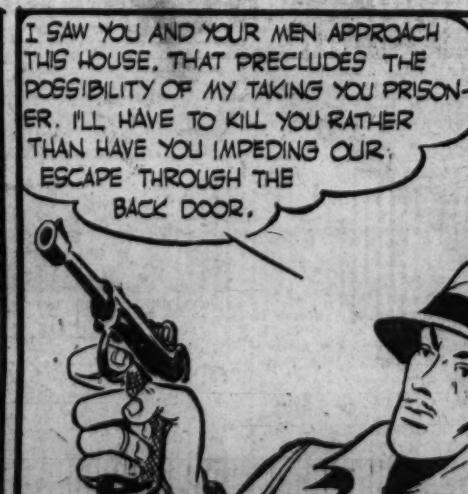
At the same time, the board asked President Roosevelt to take over the Detroit plant of Thompson products, headed by Frederick Crawford, former head of the National Association of Manufacturers. The company, as a result of a stoppage, fired 35 officers and shop stewards and penalized 140 other workers with a week's layoff. The board declared that a lockout exists at the plant of 800 workers; that if the company does not reinstate all, operations will not be resumed and the President will be asked to seize the plant.

### Reconversion Pay Cuts Barred

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Wage rates in operation for war contracts may not be cut after reconversion, the War Labor Board held today.

The WLB refused to permit the Cuneo Press, Inc., of Chicago to cut rates for 24 guards to levels existing before the company performed an Army Ordnance contract.

The board rules that the concern could not shake off the wage scales it paid while on a war contract since the job involved and the work done by the employee had not changed in any respect. The company paid 75 to 90 cents an hour for the war work as compared to from 50 to 75 cents an hour before it took an Army contract. The WLB decision was unanimous.



## Daily Worker

New York, Friday, March 9, 1945



Five New York girls become Ensigns in the Navy's Reserve Nurse Corps as Commander Thomas A. Guylord, director of the Office of Naval Procurement, administers the oath. Included among them is the first Negro nurse commissioned by the Navy. The five, left to right, are Marion Helen Bendix, Adele Lee Bruce, Barbara Jean Zeigler, Phyllis Mae Daley, and Jane Belanger.

—Navy Photo.

### The Veteran Commander

#### EISENHOWER SQUARS HIS SHOULDERS

JUST as Marshal Zhukov began "squatting his shoulders" in the beginning of February after he had pushed a spearhead to the Oder in the Kustrin-Frankfurt area, so now General Eisenhower is doing precisely the same thing after pushing to the Rhine at Cologne.

A month ago, Zhukov had the German groupings in Pomerania and in Silesia hanging over his flanks. So he sent Marshal Konev to clear most of Silesia (Feb. 4-18) and Marshal Rokossovsky and his own right wing to clear Pomerania (Feb. 15-to-date).

There is a certain analogy with this situation in the west. There Holland plays the part of Pomerania, and the Rhenish Palatinate plays the part of Silesia. However, Holland now is largely water-logged and is hardly able to provide fighting space for German counter-action. There is, of course, the Wesel bridgehead on Eisenhower's left which must be liquidated before a large-scale thrust is made across the Rhine. This is being done now by the Canadians and the U. S. Ninth Army.

On the right, General Patton has pushed a spectacular tank thrust through the Eiffel Mountains and the heights north of the valley of the lower Moselle to Coblenz. The march, judging by its 12.5-mile-an-hour speed, appears to have been effected through a void. As a result, a large pocket has been formed north of Patton's tank-thrust (between the Third and First Armies). The escape hatches from this pocket are at Remagen and Neuwied, but both points are threatened from the north by the Ninth Armored Division and from the south by the Fourth Armored Division. It is entirely probable that the first big trap will be snapped shut here around a sizable German force.

Thanks to Patton's breakthrough, the entire Palatinate is also fast becoming a large trap between the Saar, Moselle and Rhine, and does

not present a menace to our right flank any more.

This is how General Eisenhower is "squatting his shoulders" for the coming push across the Rhine.

OFFICIAL news from the Eastern Front does not disclose anything very novel. On the whole, Zhukov and Rokossovsky are polishing off the Germans in Pomerania, widening their hold on the Baltic coast, wiping out surrounded enemy pockets, advancing on Stettin and Danzig.

In Slovakia, Marshal Malinovsky's right has captured the stronghold of Banska-Styavnica flanking the fortress of Zvolen, which is the keystone of the arc of the Hron River defense line. This move may be a precursor of an outflanking move on Bratislava from the north.

The Germans continue their mad counter-attacks with large tank and infantry forces northeast and south of Lake Balaton, thus again betraying their plans and fear for the Alpine region of Austria.

Extreme caution is recommended in appraising the German reports of Marshal Zhukov's offensive against Berlin. It would be of great morale-value to the Germans to report a supreme bid by the Red Army and then announce that it had been "smashed" at the gates of Berlin in another "miracle," the "miracle of the Oder" this time.

ALLIED troops have gained up to five miles in the Bologna sector of the Italian Front.

The last phase of the battle on Iwo is raging with extreme fierceness. Our Marines have carved out another gain of 500 yards.

On Luzon our troops have reached the southern shore of the island and are also driving toward the east coast.

### Admits Paying Fay, Bove

Testimony at the extortion trial of Joseph S. Fay and James Bove, AFL leaders, reminds you of the last line of an old song: "Oh, God, how the money rolls in."

A jury of 11 men and a woman, sitting in criminal term of New York Supreme Court, who had already heard testimony about how the two collected \$212,000 from two contracting firms, yesterday heard a new tale about another \$75,000 exacted in tribute.

Louis R. Perini, president of B.

Perini & Sons, Inc., of Wellesley, Mass., testified that he personally paid \$25,000 to Bove to guarantee labor's cooperation on a \$2,800,000 Delaware aqueduct project job.

Later, when his firm got a \$700,000 contract on the Lincoln Tunnel, Fay shook him down for \$50,000, Perini said.

He quoted Fay as saying:

"If you pay us this, we will see that you get good laborers, good men and have no jurisdictional disputes, no walkouts and no

strikes."

Fay is vice-president and eastern representative of the AFL International Union of Operating Engineers and Bove was until the trial opened vice-president of the AFL Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers International. Bove is still secretary-treasurer of the Hod Carriers Local 60 in Yonkers, N. Y.

They are accused of extorting a total of \$702,000 from Delaware water project contractors under threat of calling strikes